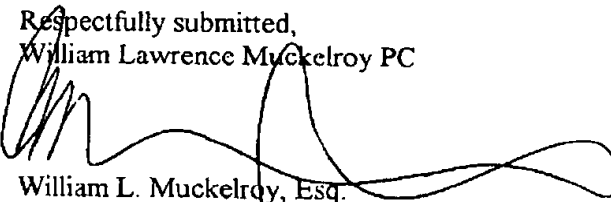


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Remarks

This Substitute Preliminary Amendment is a plenary response to a Notice of Non-Compliance, mailed on October 15, 2002 requiring a clean version of claim 13 suitable for OCR scanning. Applicant have submitted a bona fide response to comply with the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (37 CFR 1.121) mailed on October 15, 2002. Included herewith is a clean version of amended Claim 13 as required in the notice.

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